

MOB TAKES LEO FRANK FROM GEORGIA PRISON AND HANGS HIM NEAR THE PHAGAN HOME

Carried by Auto in Dead of
Night 100 Miles From
Milledgeville.

SEVEN CARS IN PARTY

Handcuffs Placed on Super-
intendent of Farm While
Accused Is Removed.

GA., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl who was taken from the prison farm at Milledgeville last night, was hanged two miles east of here today by a mob party who took him by auto to a tree.

Frank was brought 100 miles from the prison farm to a point almost within sight of the home of Mary Phagan. No shots were fired.

Frank, a body, handcuffed and clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was found at 4:30 o'clock this morning. It is believed he was lynched about daylight.

Several automobiles, well loaded, were seen in the direction of Milledgeville last night. After the return of some of the machines today, officers started out on the road which they believed the automobiles had traveled. They had gone only two miles when they saw the body of Frank and more than 100 yards from the roadside.

Reports that the armed party that took Frank from the Milledgeville prison last night intended to lynch him and place his body on the grave of Mary Phagan drew a crowd to the prison cemetery here early today. Efforts to locate several large automobiles, and late last night brought the mob from one citizen that he "noticed several of the best automobile drivers in town are not around this morning."

News that the body had been found spread rapidly and within a short time hundreds of persons were crowding to the scene. No immediate effort was made to cut the body down, as Sheriff Hicks was not in town and the coroner took no action.

It is believed that the mob at the bridge over Little river, near Eatonton, when the armed party talked loudly and fired shots, was a ruse to draw pursuers. The vicinity of the bridge was thoroughly searched, and at the time the search was being made it was probable Frank already had met his fate.

Vote Against Mutilation.

The crowd increased rapidly as the day wore on. By 10 o'clock many women and children were mingling with the crowd in the woods at the edge of which the body still hung. At that hour no effort had been made to dispose of the body, although Coroner Boyd had been summoned.

Frank's body was cut down at 10:15 o'clock, but not until one citizen had spoken to the crowd advocating mutilation of the body.

Newton Morris immediately pleaded with the throng to allow an inquest to take its proper course. A vote was suggested and taken. It was overwhelmingly in favor of allowing the coroner to take charge of the body. It was cut down and the two-mile trip to Marietta started. The inquest was set for 11 o'clock.

When the body was cut down parts of Frank's shirt were torn away by angry hunters. The body was roughly handled before it was put in the undertaker's wagon.

Within a short time after the body was started for Atlanta excitement here subsided and the town presented almost a normal appearance before noon.

After a special session of the Cobb county commissioners at which the employment of a special attorney to assist the coroner was authorized, Coroner Boyd empaneled a jury and began an investigation of the lynching.

At the suggestion of Newton A. Morris, former superior court judge here, the body was taken from the undertaker's wagon, in which it was placed at the lynching scene, and put into an

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RUSSIAN AGENT IS PLACING CONTRACTS

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 17.—Prince Gagarin, representing the Russian government, arrived in this city yesterday personally to place contracts for cannon tractors which, he said, will amount to several million dollars. The tractors, according to the prince, are for use with monster field guns which will compare favorably with the largest siege rifles used by the Germans.

Rain Stops Tennis Play.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 17.—Rain prevented play this morning in the state tennis tournament and there was small prospect for favorable weather this afternoon.

FRANK HAD PLANS TO GAIN FREEDOM

Tells of Hope of Eventual Vindication
in Letter to a Friend in
Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17.—A letter written by Leo M. Frank shortly after his incarceration to Maurice Klein, a deputy United States marshal here, was made public today by Mr. Klein. It was dated July 4, 1915, at the office of Warden Smith in the Milledgeville prison, and said:

"I have your kind letter and appreciate it much for sentiment and thoughts of me. Governor Slaton's act was indeed courageous and wise. I hope you will again take up the fight which will eventually in vindication and liberty."

"I am now gradually adjusting myself to the new environment. My health is much better. I expect to improve both physically and mentally. The warden and his staff are both kind and solicited. After a brief stay here we will again take up the fight which will eventually in vindication and liberty."

"With every good wish, I am cordially yours," "LEO M. FRANK."

YUAN PROPOSING CHINESE KINGDOM

Some Officials Suspect Movement to
Abandon Republican Form May
Be Plan of His Enemies.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Peking dispatches discussing the probability of President Yuan Shi Kai proclaiming himself emperor of China have prepared officials here for agitation of that project by a society of Chinese radicals, but so far there has been no official report from the American legation which generally keeps the state department informed of political events that might bear on relations between the United States and China.

Some officials here suspect that the new movement has been engineered by enemies of Yuan Shi Kai, who resent the almost dictatorial powers he now possesses, and feeling that he may use the permissive legislation of the short-lived Chinese congress to claim a second term at the expiration of his present tenure, are seeking to alarm the republican elements and defeat his purpose.

Japan's attitude toward a monarchy probably would be adverse. The Japanese so far have succeeded in inducing the present Chinese republican government to satisfy their demands and are believed to look with doubt on the possibility of maintaining that attitude if required to deal with a monarchy.

When President Wilson officially recognized Yuan Shi Kai's government May 2, 1913, that thought was developed in a message he sent to Yuan. In the course of which President Wilson said:

"I extend in the name of my government and of my countrymen, a greeting of welcome to the new China thus entering into the family of nations. In taking this step I entertain the confident hope and expectation that in perfecting a republican form of government, the Chinese nation will attain to the highest degree of development and well-being and that under the new rule all the established obligations in China which passed to the provisional government, will in turn pass to and be observed by the government established by the assembly."

JOHN C. BLACK IS CALLED BY DEATH

Former United States Commissioner of
Pensions Dies Suddenly in a
Chicago Hotel.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17.—General John C. Black, Civil war veteran, former congressman and former United States commissioner of pensions, died suddenly today in his room at a local hotel.

General Black was a member of the United States civil service commission. He enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil war as a private and was brevetted brigadier general in April, 1865, for "gallant services in assault on Fort Blakely, Alabama." He was commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. in 1903.

Prominent Iowa Dies.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 17.—A message received after midnight today said that William E. Johnston, 46, one of the most prominent lawyers in northwestern Iowa, died suddenly at Ida Grove last night while automobile riding.

FEAR SHIPS WILL CARRY IN CHOLERA

Special Precautions Imposed
by New York Health
Officials.

New York, Aug. 17.—Special precautions were ordered today by Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell, health officer of the port of New York, to guard against introduction of cholera, which is reported to have broken out at Venice and Leghorn, Italy. Instructions have been issued for a rigid inspection of passengers and crew on all ships arriving here from the infected ports, while passengers from places in Italy north of a line running from Leghorn and Rimini and including the city of Florence are to be reported to the health officer for special bacteriological examination.

Havana, Aug. 17.—One case of bubonic plague was reported here today. It was the first since early last winter.

URNS EASTLAND OVER TO OWNERS

Federal Government Releases Tragedy
Steamer, Which May Enter Ex-
cursion Traffic Elsewhere.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17.—The steamship Eastland was formally released from the custody of the United States government and turned over to its owners today. What disposition will be made of the ship, which capsized three weeks ago, drowning nearly 1,000 persons, has not been determined.

Plans are being considered by the owners, it was said, to have the ship overhauled and if inspection shows that it can be fitted up safely to carry passengers, it probably will be taken to some other port and used in the excursion trade.

Preparations have been made to have the boat towed to the repair docks in South Chicago. Marine construction experts completed examination of the ship and submitted their report last night to United States District Attorney Clegg. He said the report would be made to the grand jury.

LINER MERION IS SUNK BY TURKISH

American Ship Requisitioned by Brit-
ish Falls Victim of Batteries at
Dardanelles.

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Reports brought over on the American liner Dominion, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool, were that the American liner Merion, requisitioned by the British admiralty as a troop ship, had been sunk by the fire of the Turkish batteries at the Dardanelles.

The Merion took out from Liverpool for the Dardanelles a general cargo of food supplies and many soldiers, being practically a troop ship. She was in charge of Captain Hickson, an officer of the British naval reserve force, who succeeded Captain Hill, her former commander.

The Merion, like her sister ship, the Haverford, had been running in the American line service between Philadelphia and Liverpool for several years. She was built on the Clyde in 1902 and was registered in the name of the International Navigation company. She had passenger accommodations for 2,000 soldiers.

FIVE DIE; 20 ARE HURT IN A WRECK

Smoker and Baggage Car Crashed by
Falling Rock While Passing
Through Tunnel.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 17.—Five persons were killed and 20 others hurt when the smoker and baggage car of a passenger train on the Coal River branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad were crushed today by a heavy rock as the train was passing through the Pinnacle tunnel near McCorkle, W. Va.

The dead:
J. C. FENNEMORE, wealthy coal operator of Huntington and St. Albans.

W. K. TURLEY, Adam Creek, W. Va.
J. G. PLYMALE, Gallipolis, Ohio.
JESSE VENDER, name not known.
ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

Wreck trains were hurried to the scene and the passengers imprisoned in the tunnel were rescued.

GROUND BROKEN FOR A CAPITAL BUILDING

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Ground was broken yesterday for the erection of the new interior department building in the presence of government officials and others. It is to cost \$2,000,000, although congress appropriated \$2,600,000. The building is to occupy the block bounded by Eleventh, Nineteenth, B and G streets northwest.

BRITISH SHIP WITH TROOPS HITS BOTTOM

Thousand Men Believed to
Have Perished as Result
of Subsea Attack.

ROYAL EDWARD VICTIM

Lost Vessel Engaged in Con-
veying Forces to the
Dardanelles Front.

London, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Announcement to this effect was made officially today. Six hundred men were saved out of 1,250 troops and 220 other persons on board.

The text of the announcement follows:
"The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Aegean last Saturday morning. According to the information at present available the transport had on board 32 military officers and 1,250 troops, the ship a crew of 220 officers and men."

"The troops consisted mainly of reinforcements for the 29th division and details of the royal army medical corps."

"Full information has not yet been received, but it is known that about 600 have been saved."

First Successful Attack.

So far as has been reported officially this is the first instance in which a British transport has been attacked successfully by a submarine. It had been a matter of pride with the British government that it had transported hundreds of thousands of troops across many seas without the loss of life. It is probable that the number of troops sent to France and Belgium since the beginning of the war is considerable in excess of 700,000. In addition, large numbers of men have been transported to the Dardanelles, Egypt, South Africa and Serbia.

Troops have been brought in from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India for the defense of the mother country. The transports are accompanied by an escort of warships, chief reliance being placed on destroyers for warding off submarine attacks.

Lost in Aegean Sea.

The British announcement shows that the Royal Edward was engaged in conveying troops to the Dardanelles front, having been sunk in the Aegean sea. German submarines sent to these waters to assist the Turks have been very active. One of them, the U-51, under command of Captain Otto Hersing, made the voyage from Wilhelmshafen to the Dardanelles and sunk the British battleship Triumph and Majestic.

The Royal Edward was 11,117 tons gross and 528 feet long. She was owned by the Canadian Northern Steamships of Toronto. She was built in Glasgow in 1905.

THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.)

The British transport Royal Edward, conveying troops to the Dardanelles, was sunk by a submarine in the Aegean sea last Saturday. Probably 1,000 men were lost.

Advices from Athens say King Constantine accepted the resignation of the Gounaris cabinet and that M. Venizelos, whose party elected its candidate for the presidency of the chamber of deputies, was invited to consult with the king today.

Activity is increasing along the Austro-Italian front, according to the latest official reports. Rome claims progress in the Sexten region, in the Bozarth and Bodenbach valleys and in the Monte Nero zone. Vienna declares Italian attacks at various points along the line failed.

Turkish reports on the Dardanelles operations declare attacks by newly landed troops of the entente allies have been repulsed.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Cloudy tonight; Wednesday, rain. Not much change in temperature, fresh northeast wind.

Temperature at 7 a. m. today, 64; highest yesterday, 88; lowest last night, 64.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. today, 12 miles per hour.

Precipitation in the last 24 hours, .29 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday, 76; at 7 a. m. today, 93; at 1 p. m. today, 88.

Stage of water at 7 a. m. today, 7.9 feet; a rise of .3 feet in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

WAITING ON REPLIES OF MEX CHIEFS

Believed Carranza Is to
Make Unfavorable Re-
sponse to Appeal.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Responses to the Pan-American appeal calling on the Mexican factional leaders to end their civil strife still were being awaited by administration officials today. No replies had reached the state department early today, although both General Carranza and Villa have received the communication.

That Carranza will make an unfavorable response to the appeal on the ground that foreign intervention would be unwelcome to the Mexican people is the belief of his representative here. His friends claim he will say his efforts have brought peace in a large part of Mexico; that he is in full control of that territory; that he is restoring order, and that after removal of the capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City he will consent to confer with the revolting factions. "In other quarters, however, it was said that he might agree on a conference based on proportional representation."

Secretary Daniels has ordered the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire, enroute to southern waters, to proceed immediately to Vera Cruz, where they are due to arrive Wednesday to replace the gunboats Marietta and Sacramento. The Marietta has been ordered to Progress because of difficulty in getting American steel shipments out of that port. Secretary Daniels explained that no further alarming reports had come from Vera Cruz and no trouble was looked for.

SOLDIER IS SLAIN IN BORDER FIGHT

Corporal Wilman Killed and Two Other
Americans Wounded in Pro-
gresso Crossing Clash.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 17.—The border situation along the lower Rio Grande assumed a threatening aspect today. Gathering of Mexicans in force last night at Progresso, on the Rio Grande, 30 miles above Brownsville, and their daring attack across the river on a troop of the 12th U. S. cavalry was not the only aggravating feature of the situation.

Authorities here received reports that 25 horses, including some recognized as animals stolen by bandits in recent raids on the Texas side, were delivered this week in Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here held by Carranza troops.

Delivery of these horses and the fact that the Mexicans at Progresso had been gathering openly and in conspicuously large numbers for days, created suspicion among Americans that Carranza officials were lax in discipline or without sufficient dependable troops to cope with the bandit element on the Mexican side.

The death of Corporal Wilman in the night at the Progresso crossing last night and the wounding of Lieutenant Roy O. Henry and Private Jackson intensified feeling in this section that eruptions by irresponsible Mexicans from the other side are likely to continue until the general Mexican crisis is settled.

For nearly twenty miles about Progresso crossing alarms were sounded by rifle shots and by bells last night. Armed men patrolled roads, women and children were gathered where they could be guarded.

Early today more troops reached Mercedes and the Progresso location. They were infantrymen from the 29th regiment, which reached here yesterday from Texas City. They were started for the Mercedes section yesterday afternoon.

CRISIS IS NEARER FOR RUSS ARMIES

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in
Courland Still Menaces Grand
Duke Nicholas.

London, Aug. 17.—In the land fighting a crisis has not been reached in the present stage of the eastern campaign. Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, will not be able to assure the safety of his armies until the menace presented by the operations of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in Courland is removed. In the Bansk district of Courland the German army has been driven back. The chief struggle centers in the region north of the Niemen, notwithstanding the recent success of Russian resistance.

Between the Narva and the Bug, the German drive evidently is making some headway, although Petrograd claims that attacks of the invaders in this region have been repulsed after heavy fighting. Along the middle Bug the Austrians and Germans have forced several crossings. If the Russians plan to hold the valuable transverse railroad running through Vilna, Grodno, Bialystok, Brest-Litovsk and Kovno, they must soon check the Austrians and Germans indubitably.

PART GALVESTON SEA WALL WASHED OUT IN HURRICANE THAT SWEEPS TEXAS COAST

CYCLONE LEVELS PORTION OF HAITI

Several Towns Destroyed and Coffee
Crop Fairly Wiped Away—Com-
munication Interrupted.

Port au Prince, Sunday, Aug. 15.—(Delayed in transmission.)—A violent cyclone has devastated the entire southern side of the Haitian republic. There have been numerous victims in the towns along the coast.

The town of Aux Cayes, 92 miles northwest of Port au Prince and with a population of 25,000, suffered particularly. The towns of Grande Ville and Petite Ville were destroyed.

In the interior heavy floods are reported. The coffee crop has been in part destroyed.

All communication by telegraph or cable with the devastated districts has been interrupted.

FORTS OF KOVNO FALL TO TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Capture of 4,500 Pris-
oners and 240 Cannon—Annihila-
tion Is Denied.

Berlin, Aug. 17, via London, 4:15 p. m.—The forts of Kovno, between the Nieman and Gaisa, to the south of the main fortification, have been captured by the Germans, it was announced by German army headquarters today.

More than 240 cannon and 4,500 prisoners were captured at Kovno, the statement adds.

Three forts at Novogorodsk also have been captured, army headquarters reports.

The text of the statement follows:
"At Ostend Belgium our coast artillery batteries drove off two enemy destroyers."

"In the eastern Argonne a French trench near La Motte was evacuated. At Rapaume a British aeroplane fell into our hands. The occupants, two officers, were taken prisoners."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Further battles in the region of Kupitsa resulted successfully and 425 prisoners, including three officers, as well as three machine guns, fell into our hands. The troops of the army of General von Eichhorn, under the leadership of General Liepmann, took the forts of Kovno, situated between the Nieman and Gaisa. More than 450 Russian were taken prisoner and more than 240 cannon and numerous other materials were captured."

"The armies of General von Scholtz and General von Gallwitz, by continuing fighting, drove their opponents further back in an easterly direction and 4,500 Russians, including 15 officers, were taken prisoners, and one cannon and ten machine guns were captured."

"On the northeastern front of Novogorodsk a large fort and two intermediate fortifications were taken by storm. On the other front we succeeded almost everywhere in forcing the enemy further back. We captured 2,100 prisoners, together with 19 cannon and other materials."

"Army groups of Prince Leopold and Field Marshal von Mackensen. These army groups are continuing further their victorious progress."

"In their official communication of Aug. 16 the Russian army authorities asserted that the advanced guard of the Russians had captured two lines of German trenches on Aug. 13, on the Zlota Lipa and had annihilated their defenders. Our troops fighting in this locality know of only one operation. It was an assault by a Russian patrol during the night of Aug. 12-13, which failed completely and resulted in the enemy leaving four killed and two injured in front of our positions. No losses were inflicted on us."

Paris, Aug. 17.—Official: "Last night saw fairly spirited cannonading at various points on the front, notably at Boulogne and at Quenevillers, and in Lorraine in the vicinity of Arracourt and Leclercq."

"There was fighting with hand grenades in the Argonne at Fointaine Aux Charnes and at Heur Chevauchee. At this latter place the Germans came out from their trenches yesterday to deliver an attack but our fire drove them back to their lines."

INQUIRY FOR OCEAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 17.—Plans virtually were completed today for an immediate inquiry into ocean transportation between the United States and foreign countries by the Interstate commerce commission in cooperation with the treasury and commerce departments.

The inquiry is to be undertaken at the request of President Wilson and the data gathered will be used for continuing at the next session of congress the legislative contest for the passage of the administration ship purchase bill, filibustered to death in the senate last winter.

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Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—Only meager information was available at noon today concerning the terrible tropical storm that yesterday struck the Texas coast, flooding Galveston, and then sweeping inland, doing heavy damage to crops and farm property. So far as known no lives were lost.

Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, three of the principal cities of south Texas, still were cut off from wire communication. A brief wireless dispatch that Galveston, after weathering one of the worst storms in 15 years, was under five feet of water, brought the only definite information in several hours concerning the fate of the coast city, concerning which many rumors had been afloat in the last 24 hours.

The Galveston dispatch made no mention of loss of life. It said that five feet of water in the streets was slowly draining off and that fires started probably as a result of flood damage had been placed under control. The dispatch also said that the United States transport McClellan had broken from her moorings and drifted half a mile seaward. Wireless stations at Port Arthur and Fort Crockett were also said to be out of commission.

Fate of Sea Wall Unknown.

No direct word concerning the sea wall and causeway on which Galveston's existence in stormtimes so largely depends had come from the city itself. Railroad and other reports from various sources, however, stated that large sections of the causeway which connects the city with the mainland had been blown or washed away. One report was that a large vessel had been blown through the causeway. At the office of the Santa Fe railroad at Temple, Texas, it was stated that two work trains had been ordered to the coast to assist in repairing the damaged causeway.

Through wire communication with Beaumont and Houston remained cut off, little anxiety was felt for those cities because they are situated some distance from the coast and were believed practically safe from high gulf waves.

No Report of Inland Havoc.

While more definite reports concerning damage along the coast were awaited, the storm apparently had swept inland. No definite reports concerning inland storm havoc have been received. The United States weather bureau officials this forenoon said that from available reports the storm must have moved inland in northwesterly direction west of Galveston heading for central Texas. Barometric disturbances, said the weather observers, indicated that the storm's path might be similar to that of the great storm of 1900 which swept over Galveston destroying the lives of 8,000 persons, then traveled northward through Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa.

Rushing Bridge Material.

Temple, Texas, Aug. 17.—The Santa Fe railway is rushing bridge and track material out of here to Galveston in anticipation of its use when the storm subsides. A report that a relief train has started from here is incorrect. Santa Fe officials say they have had no communication from Galveston since last night at 6 o'clock. A fierce gale is blowing here and rain is falling.

Waco, Texas, Aug. 17.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad has a report from Galveston offices that 100 feet of the causeway at Galveston has been washed away. No particulars are known here.

Bush Named Receiver.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 17.—Benjamin F. Bush, president and chairman of the boards of the Missouri Pacific and of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railways, was appointed sole receiver of the two lines by Circuit Judge Adams at Woodstock, Va., today.